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Report Highlights:

This FAIRS report provides information on the most recent available versions of China's Copyright Law, Trademark Law, and Patent Law. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their applications with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation of the regulations is accurate.

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Summary

Previous editions of China's Copyright Law (CH1064), Trademark Law (CH1065), and Patent Law (CH1066) have been affected by revisions and changes. Unofficial English translations of the recent editions of these Laws and the corresponding Implementing or Enforcement measures can be viewed from the publicly accessible Internet site "http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws.htm". It is also possible to visit the URL address for each document. Chinese language versions of the documents can be viewed in Chinese through the "Laws" section of the "www.chinaiprlaw.com" site. Please contact the USDA/FAS Agricultural Affairs Office in Beijing if you have any questions.

IPR Related Laws and Regulations

- Copyright Law of the People's Republic of China (19/02/2002) http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws10.htm
- Implementing Regulations of the Copyright Law of the People's Republic of China (20/08/2002) http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws13.htm
- Trademark Law of the People's Republic of China (19/02/2002) http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws11.htm
- Patent Law of People's Republic of China (02/04/2001) http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws4.htm
- Measures for Administrative Enforcement of Patent (15/08/2002) http://www.chinaiprlaw.com/english/laws/laws12.htm